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Subject: some formaldehyde press -

Lumber
Liquidators'
stock
drops
after
report of
unacceptable
levels of

FOX31
Denver -
19 hours
ago

DENVER
— Stocks
took a
nose-dive
Monday for
Lumber
Liquidators
after a
report on
the CBS
news
program
“60
Minutes”
claiming
the
company is
using
laminated
with
unacceptable
levels of
formaldehyde.
In
Colorado,
there are

seven
Lumber
Liquidators
...

CBS
Reports
That
Lumber
Liquidators
Is
Selling
Formaldehyde-
Laden
Laminate

The
Consumerist -
Mar 2,
2015

Lots of
everyday
objects
give off
formaldehyde,
and it's
even the
product of
metabolic
processes
in our own
bodies.
Occasional
exposure
while
dissecting
a frog in
school or
getting
your nails
done isn't
a health
concern,
but
prolonged
exposure
to a lot of
...

Report:
High
formaldehyde
levels
found in
Va.
flooring
from
Lumber
Liquidators

wtvr.com -
Mar 2,
2015

The report
by CNN's
Anderson
Cooper
revealed
Chinese-
manufactured
laminated
flooring
sold by the
company
contains
high levels
of the
cancer-
causing
chemical
formaldehyde.
Lumber
Liquidators
plunged
more than
20% in
early
morning
stock
trading on
...

'60
Minutes'
Report
On
Formaldehyde
In

Laminate
Floors
Has
Parents
Worried

CBS Local -
16 hours
ago

SACRAMENTO
(CBS13)

— A family
is left
wondering
if they are
breathing
toxic air in
their home
after a “60
Minutes”
investigation
into
flooring
sold by
Lumber
Liquidators.
The report
focused on
reportedly
high levels
of
formaldehyde
in flooring
used in ...

Formaldehyde
in
lamine
flooring:
How
concerned
should
you be?

BabyCenter
(blog) -
Mar 2,
2015

Children
exposed to
these high
levels of
formaldehyde
could be at
higher than
typical risk
for "chronic
respiratory
irritation,
change in
a person's
lung
function,
increased
risk of
asthma,"
according
to Dr.
Philip
Landrigan,
whose
interview
contributed
to the ...

Woman's
Home
Improvement
Comes
To Halt
Over
Formaldehyde
Flooring

CBS Local -
10 hours
ago

Some of
Lumber
Liquidator's
cheaper
laminate
flooring
contains
high levels
of
formaldehyde,
a known

cancer-
causing
chemical.
Dr. Philip
Landrigan,
of NY's Mt.
Sinai
Hospital
explained,
"It's not a
safe level.
It's a level
that the US
EPA calls
polluted
indoor ...

Lumber
Liquidators
facing
class-
action
suit over
flooring

New York
Daily News -
Mar 2,
2015

Laminate
is legally
allowed to
contain
some
traces of
formaldehyde,
a chemical
known to
cause
cancer and
respiratory
ailments,
because
the
compound
is used in
some
cheap
flooring
glues. But

when
Drury and
Denny
Larson,
who heads
the
environmental
...

'60
Minutes'
Is Right
To Raise
Questions
About
Lumber
Liquidators'
Toxic
Floors

Forbes -
Mar 2,
2015

Last night
CBS ran a
60 Minutes
segment
on
dangerous
levels of
formaldehyde
in
laminated
floor wood
sold by
Lumber
Liquidators.
This
caught my
attention
because
this
substance
is
hazardous
to human
health.
Formaldehyde
can cause
cancer and

other ...

High
formaldehyde
levels
found in
flooring
from
Lumber
Liquidators,
report
says

wtkr.com -
Mar 2,
2015

"We
comply
with
applicable
regulations
regarding
our
products,
including
California
standards
for
formaldehyde
emissions
for
composite
wood
products
— the
most
stringent
rules in the
country,"
the
company
said in a
statement
said. "We
stand by
every ...

After '60
Minutes'
report,
Lumber

Liquidators
shares
do not
open

New York
Post - Mar
2, 2015

stores,
including
Lumber
Liquidators,
and had
them sent
to three
certified
labs for
testing and
found that
Lumber
Liquidators'
US-made
laminated
flooring
had
acceptable
levels of
formaldehyde,
but every
sample of
its Chinese-
made
laminated
flooring
failed to ...

Lumber
Liquidators
linked to
health
and
safety
violations

CBS News -
Mar 1,
2015

Lumber

Liquidators
is a U.S.
company,
but much
of its
laminated
flooring is
made in
China, and
as we
discovered
during our
investigation,
may fail to
meet
health and
safety
standards,
because it
contains
high levels
of
formaldehyde,
a known
cancer
causing ...

Lumber
Liquidators
Hammers
'60
Minutes'
for
Critical
Report

Fox
Business -
Mar 2,
2015

Lumber
Liquidators
(LL) saw
its shares
tumble
Monday
following a
critical "60
Minutes"
report on

formaldehyde

levels

found in

the

retailer's

lamine

flooring.

According

to the

Sunday

report, the

Chinese-

made

lamine

flooring

exceeds

formaldehyde

...

Lumber

Liquidators

stock

plunges

after 60

Minutes

says it

sells

flooring

with ...

Financial

Post - Mar

2, 2015

Lumber

Liquidators

Holdings

Inc. sold

flooring

containing

levels of

formaldehyde

higher than

California

health and

safety

standards,

according

to the

television

news

program
"60
Minutes."
The
flooring
comes
from mills
in China,
the CBS
show said
on Sunday
...

Lumber
Liquidators
Falls 25
Percent
After '60
Minutes'
Story

Bloomberg -
Mar 2,
2015

(Bloomberg) --
Lumber
Liquidators
Holdings
Inc. shares
plunged
after a "60
Minutes"
report
accused
the
company
of selling
Chinese-
made
flooring
with illegal
levels of
formaldehyde.
The stock
sank 25
percent to
\$38.83 in
New York
following
the
broadcast
...

Lumber
Liquidators
'Stands
by Every
Plank.'
Should
You?

NBCNews.com -
Mar 2,
2015

"Formaldehyde

is present
in certain
LL
products
and for
those
products,
the levels
are safe,"
Lumber
Liquidators
said in
response
to a
customer's
query on
Twitter.
"Testing
cited by 60
Minutes is
not right," it
said in
response
to another.
When
asked for
...

Lumber
Liquidators
flooring
fails
safety
tests:
'60

minutes'

Reuters -
Mar 1,
2015

(Reuters) -
Lumber
Liquidators
Holdings
Inc, a
retailer of
hardwood
flooring in
North
America,
sold
flooring
with higher
levels of
formaldehyde
than
permitted
under
California's
health and
safety
standards,
according
to
television
news
program
"60
Minutes".

GCM
Announces
New
Testing
Results
of
Lumber
Liquidators
Chinese-
made ...

PR
Newswire
(press

release) -
19 hours
ago

As noted in
the 60
Minutes
report,
which aired
on March
1, 2015,
probably
tens of
thousands
of
households
in
California
and
probably
hundreds
of
thousands
of
households
nationwide
are being
exposed to
formaldehyde
emissions
from
Lumber
Liquidators
...

Ahead
of Bell:
'60
Minutes'
report
hits
Lumber
Liquidators

Washington
Post - Mar
2, 2015

The "60
Minutes"
report,
which aired
on CBS on

Sunday,
said that
Lumber
Liquidators'
lamine
flooring
made in
China
contains
high levels
of
formaldehyde,
a
carcinogen.
In the "60
Minutes"
report,
correspondent
Anderson
Cooper
spoke with
Denny
Larson, ...

Lumber
Liquidators
Says It
'Stands
By
Every
Plank'

NBCNews.com -
Mar 2,
2015

A CBS '60
Minutes'
report
Sunday
said some
of the
company's
Chinese-
made
lamine
floorboards
contained
unsafe
levels of
formaldehyde,

a known
carcinogen.
Lumber
Liquidators
said
Monday
that it
"stands by
every
plank" of
its flooring
and that
'60 ...

Is Fake
Wood
Flooring
From
China
Killing
You or
Just
Your
Investments?

TheStreet.com -
Mar 2,
2015

NEW
YORK
(TheStreet) --
Cheap
wood
flooring,
furniture
and
cabinetry
from China
that
contains
high levels
of the
chemical
formaldehyde
may or
may not be
bad for
your
health, but
it's

definitely
bad for
your
portfolio. A
60 Minutes
investigation
of retailer
...

Lumber
Liquidators
stock
pummeled
after '60
Minutes'
probe

CNNMoney -
Mar 2,
2015

The report
by CNN's
Anderson
Cooper
revealed
Chinese-
manufactured
laminated
flooring
sold by the
company
contains
high levels
of the
cancer-
causing
chemical
formaldehyde.
Lumber
Liquidators
(LL)
plunged
more than
25%
Monday.
Until about
11 a.m., ...

Lumber
Liquidators

sold
flooring
with
dangerous
levels of
chemical,
'60
Minutes

NJ.com -
Mar 2,
2015

Lumber
Liquidators
had a
bumpy
stock
opening
today, after
a "60
Minutes"
segment
Sunday
reported
the
company
has been
selling
laminated
floors with
a
dangerous
amount of
formaldehyde,
according
to reports.
CNBC
reported
trading on
the
company
was ...

Lumber
Liquidators
Selling
Toxic
Chinese-

Made
Laminate
Flooring
In US

2paragraphs.com -
Mar 1,
2015

On 60
Minutes,
Anderson
Cooper
investigates
the
laminate
flooring
that's in
thousands
of
American
homes.
Chinese-
made
laminate
flooring
sold in
Lumber
Liquidators
outlets in
the US
contains
toxic
formaldehyde
which is a
chemical
known to
cause
cancer.

Lumber
Liquidators
flooring
called
unsafe

Richmond.com -
11 hours
ago

Shares of

Lumber
Liquidators
plunged
more than
25 percent
Monday
after a
scathing
“60
Minutes”
report
accused
the Toano-
based
company
of selling
laminated
flooring
that
contains
high levels
of
formaldehyde.
The 13-
minute
segment
Sunday
night
claimed ...

Calif.
regulators
investigate
laminated
floor
fears
linked to
Lumber
Liquidators

New York
Post - 8
hours ago

California
environmental
regulators
said
Monday
they are
finding

excessive
amounts of
formaldehyde
in laminate
flooring like
that
featured in
a "60
Minutes"
exposé on
Lumber
Liquidators.
The
California
Air
Resources
Board,
citing an
ongoing
investigation
...

Lumber
Liquidators
linked to
health
and
security
violations

Beacon
Review -
Mar 2,
2015

Even
though
laminate
flooring
from
Residence
Depot and
Lowe's
experienced
appropriate
degrees of
formaldehyde,
as did
Lumber
Liquidators
American-

created
laminates,
each and
every one
sample of
Chinese-
manufactured
laminated
flooring
from
Lumber ...

Dangerous
levels of
chemical
found in
popular
laminated
flooring

VOXXI -
Mar 2,
2015

Formaldehyde

is found in
the glues
used to
hold
laminated
floors
together,
and a
small
amount of
the natural
preservative
is common
in
carpentry
products
as well as
press
fabrics,
bath oils,
bubble
bath, and
an array of
cosmetics,
deodorants,
fingernail

...

Lumber
Liquidators
stock
slammed
by '60
Minutes'
report

MarketWatch -
Mar 2,
2015

What's
more, all
laminated
flooring
carried by
Lumber
Liquidators
bears a
label
indicating
that it is
CARB
Phase
2-compliant,
referring to
the
California
Air
Resources
Board,
which sets
standards
for
formaldehyde
emissions
in wood
flooring.
Those
standards

...

US
retailer
stands
by
flooring
made at
factory

in China

Chinadaily
USA - 7
hours ago

According
to the TV
report, the
Chinese-
made
lamine
flooring
exceeds
formaldehyde
standards
in
California,
even
though
Lumber
Liquidators
labels the
product as
CARB
Phase 2
Compliant.
Those
emissions
regulations
were
approved
by
Congress
in ...

Lumber Liquidators Plunges After '60 Minutes' Alleges Health Violations

TheStreet.com -
Mar 2,
2015

NEW
YORK

(TheStreet) --
CBS' "60
Minutes"
reported
last night
that some
of Lumber
Liquidators'
(LL) floors
may violate
health and
safety
standards
because
they have
excessively
high levels
of
formaldehyde.
Two
research
firms
issued
negative
notes
about ...
123456789

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Cc: Zito, Kelly; Millett, John; Lee, Monica; Hull, George; Rowson, David; Hubbard, Carolyn; Conger, Nick; Keener, Bill; Flattery, Priscilla; Mottley, Tanya; Morris, Jeff
Subject: Re: Draft Formaldehyde Desk Statement

I sent it to CPSC. I don't know if they will look at it tonight

Sent from my iPhone

On Mar 3, 2015, at 6:14 PM, "Strauss, Linda" <Strauss.Linda@epa.gov> wrote:

John and Cathy, were CARB and CPSC going to give a quick look tonight?

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Subject: RE: Draft Formaldehyde Desk Statement

Thanks for all the work on this, everyone. R9 feels that it's very important to finalize this today.

I think that we can copy CARB and CPSC on this, and if there are any adjustments needed, we can tweak it.

Kelly

From: Millett, John
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Subject: RE: Draft Formaldehyde Desk Statement

Just off the phone with Linda Strauss and Dave Rowson -- I just scanned press so far on this and have not seen statements from either CARB or CPSC.

Dave raises a good point that before sharing the statement we should coordinate with them.

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John Millett

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**From:** Strauss, Linda

**Sent:** Tuesday, March 03, 2015 4:41 PM

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**Subject:** RE: Draft Formaldehyde Desk Statement

Monica, John and I spoke and agreed to slightly modified language for 3<sup>rd</sup> paragraph. Q's and A's will come tomorrow.

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## **Ex. 5 - Deliberative Process**

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